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## Employer Update

### PERF Turnaround Leads to Clean Financial Opinion

A strong 18-month turnaround has led to the first unqualified audit opinion in four years for the Public Employees' Retirement Fund of Indiana. The Indiana State Board of Accounts issued the unqualified opinion on PERF's financial statements Oct. 26 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. This is PERF's first unqualified opinion since the 2002 fiscal year. [READ MORE](#)

### Investment Returns Exceed Benchmark at PERF

Public Employees' Retirement Fund investments delivered a 3.7 percent return, adding \$486 million to the fund during the quarter ending Sept. 30. The annual rate of return for the period was 9.8 percent, surpassing the agency benchmark of 9.4 percent. [READ MORE](#)

### Members Benefit from Customer Service Focus

A strong focus on communication and education has helped new retirees receive benefits faster and with fewer interruptions in pay from the Public Employees' Retirement Fund, according to the fund's quarterly scorecard. As of Sept. 30, 91 percent of those who submitted a retirement application to PERF had no interruption in pay between their last paycheck as a public service employee and their first retirement check. [READ MORE](#)

### Is your Software Blocking PERF Interactive E-mails?

We've learned that some employers have had trouble registering for PERF Interactive due to the use of anti-spam filters that don't recognize PERF e-mail addresses. The following e-mail addresses should be placed among those e-mail addresses permitted by your anti-spam filter.

[webmaster@www.in.gov](mailto:webmaster@www.in.gov) (password changes)

[questions@perf.in.gov](mailto:questions@perf.in.gov) (changes from PERF Interactive)

[publicatons@perf.in.gov](mailto:publicatons@perf.in.gov) (quarterly statement notification)

[sirisautonotification@perf.in.gov](mailto:sirisautonotification@perf.in.gov) (Last Day in Pay Status and Wage and Service Certification requests)

If you have not received an e-mail response after registering for PERF Interactive, please contact our call center toll free at 888-526-1687.

### PERF Interactive offers New Calculators

Employers can now access two new online calculators that will aid in answering employee retirement planning questions. The new **Benefits Estimate Calculator**, with a link to member data, allows employers to help potential retirees consider their options, and what impact retirement choices may have on an approximate monthly pension benefit. A new **Service Credit Purchase Calculator** provides employers another handy tool in working with employees approaching retirement. [READ MORE](#)

Are you an employer without PERF Interactive access? To gain secure access, contact us toll free at 888-526-1687.

### Communication with your Employees and Retirees

As noted in the last *Employee Update*, PERF's Retirement Services has initiated an aggressive outreach program to contact all members considering retirement in 2007. This will include mailings to members' homes as well as an ongoing series of pre-retirement workshops. To see the most recent direct mail piece, click [HERE](#). For a *Bridge to Retirement* brochure, click [HERE](#)

Editions of *Member News* and *Retiree News* also have been mailed. To see current and back issues of both newsletters, click [HERE](#).

### Stories for your Employee Newsletter

Employers are welcome to use PERF stories for their employee newsletters. This includes:

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- \* Stories from our newsletters, click [HERE](#)
- \* News stories about PERF, click [HERE](#)

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